(vii) Relatives of one passenger who was released at Kandahar and brought to Lahore for medical treatment, were provided to and from air tickets for Pakistan, hotel accommodation and transportation etc.

Expansion of Speed Post Service in Nagpur

1237. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of post offices in Nagpur, Maharashtra, which are having Speed Post Service;

(b) whether post offices are getting competition from courier service;

(c) whether Government propose to expand speed post service in Nagpur in near future; and

(d) if so, the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The details of post offices in Nagpur, Maharashtra having Speed Post Service are given in Statement. *(See* below)

(b) Yes, Madam, Post Offices are competing with courier service.

(c) and (d) Expansion of Speed Post service is an on-going process depending upon market situation. In Nagpur during 1999-2000 facility of Speed Post booking has been extended to following 8 centres-Nagpur RMS (Railway Station), Vayusenanagar, Koradi Thermal Power Station Nagpur Air Sorting (Saraf Chamber, Sadar) Nagpur, Nagpur Airport, Ambajhari Defence Project, Indian Bureau of Mines and Industrial Area Butibouri.

Statement

Details of post offices having speed post service in Nagpur

Ayodhya Nagar, Dhantoli, Ganjiipeth, Hitawada, Katol Road Medical College, National Academy of Director Taxes, Nagpur GPO, Ranapratapnagar Shanichara, Shankarnagar, Vivekanandnagar, National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Mahal, Nagpur RMS (Railway Station) Industrial Area, Vayusenanagar, Koradi Thermal Power Station, Kamthi City, Bagadganj, Dr. Ambedkar Marg, Hanumannagar, Kasturchand Park, Mahatma Phule Bazar, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation PO, Nagpur

City, Nagpur Times, Sadar Bazar, Seminary Hills, Sitabuldi, Coal Estate, Wadi, Nagpur Air Sorting (Saraf Chamber, Sadar) Nagpur, Nagpur Airport, Ambajhari Defence Project, Indian Bureau of Mines, Industrial Area Butibouri and India Post Business Centre, Zero Mile, Nagpur.

Jangla Telephone Exchange

1238. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2084 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th December, 1998 and to state:

(a) by when the Jangla Telephone Exchange which is presently connected with Chirgon is likely to be connected with Rohru Exchange;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in its implementation; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating any action against those officials who are deliberately delaying the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to'(c) The installation work is in progress and the Jangla Telephone exchange is likely to be connected with Rohru Exchange by 31.3.2000 as committed.

Telephone on demand

1239. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whethre Government proposes to achieve the goal of 'telephone on demand' in the country;

(b) by when it would be possible to achieve the goal despite the revision of tariff by the TRAI;

(c) whether NCR Delhi gel less number of connections as compared to last year; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (d) Government has planned to achieve the goal of "telephone on demand" by the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan with the participation of private operaters. However, the revision of tariff has a negative